

# The Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR)

## UPDATE

(June 8, 2006)

The Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR), enacted under Section 12 of the Fish Protection Act in July 2004, requires the RDOS to protect riparian areas for residential, commercial, and industrial development by ensuring that proposed activities are subject to a science based assessment conducted by a Qualified Environmental Professional.

If you are proposing residential, commercial and or industrial alteration of land and or development within the 30 metre Riparian Assessment Area adjacent to a watercourse that provides fish habitat (lakes, ponds, rivers, creeks, brooks, wetlands, springs and ditches) the Riparian Areas Regulation apply.

The Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen has adopted the riparian areas regulation land use bylaw amendments at a Board meeting held on June 8, 2006.

For more information about the Riparian Areas Regulation please see the links below or contact RDOS Planning Services at 1-877-610-3737 or info@rdos.bc.ca.

### **Regional District Okanagan – Similkameen website:**

#### **Bylaw 2337 “Riparian Areas Policy Amendments”**

[http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min\\_bylaws/planning/RAR/Information/Bylaw2337.pdf](http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min_bylaws/planning/RAR/Information/Bylaw2337.pdf)

#### **Bylaw 2338 “Riparian Areas Regulation Amendments”**

[http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min\\_bylaws/planning/RAR/Information/Bylaw2338.pdf](http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min_bylaws/planning/RAR/Information/Bylaw2338.pdf)

### **Ministry of Environment Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) website:**

#### **RAR Overview:**

[http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/habitat/fish\\_protection\\_act/riparian/riparian\\_areas.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/habitat/fish_protection_act/riparian/riparian_areas.html)

#### **The Frequently Asked Questions:**

[http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/habitat/fish\\_protection\\_act/riparian/documents/frequently\\_asked\\_questions.pdf](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/habitat/fish_protection_act/riparian/documents/frequently_asked_questions.pdf)

#### **Assessment Methods Guide:**

[http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/habitat/fish\\_protection\\_act/riparian/documents/assessmentreportguidelines.pdf](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/habitat/fish_protection_act/riparian/documents/assessmentreportguidelines.pdf)